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Pushing to Protect Places of Worship

On November 18, 2019, the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed the *Terrorism Risk Insurance Reauthorization Act, H.R. 4634*. Congresswoman Beatty successfully included a provision in the bipartisan bill that would ensure places of worship, including those in Ohio's Third Congressional District, are financially protected to respond to security concerns and recover from terrorist attacks.

"From Mother Emanuel AME Church to the Tree of Life Synagogue, we have all watched in horror as more and more houses of worship have become the targets for white supremacists, white nationalists, and anti-Semites," Beatty said after *H.R. 4634's* passage. "My amendment will enhance security and recovery efforts for places of worship—because the last thing they should worry about is whether they have the insurance backstop to rebuild and continue their important work."

Highlighting the Linden Community

The Linden Community is located in Northeast Columbus. Originally part of a land grant of President John Adams, the plot was given to George Stevenson of Delaware for his service in the Revolutionary War.

As the Member of Congress for Ohio's Third Congressional District, Beatty has a long history of working in the Liden community to make a difference. A former board member of St. Stephen's Community House, Beatty held a Community Conversation to discuss science, technology, mathematics, and engineering (STEM) education, jobs, and the economy during St. Stephen's 100th anniversary celebration. Most recently, Beatty participated in the \$25 million 614 for Linden project, speaking up to ensure that the entire community has a voice in stabilizing and expanding housing options, supporting entrepreneurs and resident health, developing new business opportunities, and improving community investment. Also, District Office staff participated

in Mayor Andrew Ginther's October 24th Community Building Trades and Apprenticeship Fair to highlight the life-altering professional, financial, and personal effects of beginning a career in the technical trades.



Congresswoman Beatty talks with constituents about her work to build a brighter economic future for all of Linden. (November 25, 2019)

Community Conversations on Affordable Housing and Economy

U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03) continues working for the people of Ohio's Third Congressional District, recently holding two community conversations to talk about the issues important to constituents and their families.

On August 20th, she held an Affordable Housing Summit. The day kicked off with a Listening Session that brought together national, state, and community leaders to discuss priorities, policies, and practices to address the growing cost of renting and owning a home in Central Ohio. The Listening Session was followed by a tour of the district, led by The Ohio State University Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity. The day concluded with an Affordable Housing Community Conversation with more than 400 constituents in attendance, many sharing their stories and concerns about obtaining and living in safe, secure, and stable housing.

"Hardworking Central Ohioans should be able to afford their rent or mortgage, while also being able to pay their bills and still have money left to save for their future," Beatty emphasized at the Affordable Housing Community Conversation. "But we all have a role to play, that is how we move the needle."

In October, Beatty organized the 'Rise Together' Community Conversation to discuss breaking down societal barriers that have contributed to systemic poverty and to create more pathways to economic opportunity for more Americans.

"Right now, a child born in poverty will likely remain poor the rest of their lives. We cannot let this be the status quo," Beatty stated. "We need to enact tax, budget, and workplace policies at all levels of government to create an economy that works for everyone."

Congresswoman Beatty listens and shares with constituents her work in Congress and Ohio's Third Congressional District to address the lack of affordable housing. (August 20, 2019)



Delivering Results: \$62+ Million in Federal Funds and Grants

Since September 2019, Congresswoman Beatty has helped secure more than **\$62 million** in federal funding and grants for Ohio’s Third Congressional District. Highlights include: (1) **\$27 million** to fuel groundbreaking research at The Ohio State University; (2) **\$12 million** for Head Start and comprehensive early childhood education grants; (3) **\$8.2 million** to bolster background checks, reduce crime, and strengthen local neighborhoods; (4) **\$5.6 million** to eliminate lead-based hazards for low-income families with children; and (5) **\$4 million** to improve drug prevention efforts in Franklin County.

“The federal government can do more to propel life-changing scientific research, to address the gun violence and opioid epidemics, as well as to empower our young people, and to make neighborhoods stronger. These grants represent an important step in meeting those needs, and I pledge to continue supporting similar programs and initiatives important to my constituents.”

Beatty Rule Passes House

The *Ensuring Diverse Leadership Act*, H.R. 281, also known as the ‘Beatty Rule,’ unanimously passed the House of Representatives on September 10, 2019. H.R. 281 would put more women and minorities in the room, so that they too can have a voice and take a leadership role when it comes to our nation’s economic and monetary policy.

“Greater diversity at the Federal Reserve will help open the door to more opportunities for diverse perspectives in leadership as it relates to building stronger communities that can benefit all of our constituents” Beatty exclaimed. “I thank my congressional colleagues for their support and call on the Senate to pass this all-too important bill.”



Congresswoman Beatty chairs a House Financial Services Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee hearing to examine H.R. 281 and other legislative solutions to improve wealth building opportunities for women and minority Americans. (September 24, 2019)

Honored for Her Work on Homelessness

The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP) recognized Congresswoman Beatty with the Bruce F. Vento Award for her decades-long work to address homelessness. Founded in 1989, NLCHP is the nation’s only legal group dedicated to ending and preventing homelessness.

In Congress, Beatty introduced the *Homeless Veterans Legal Services Act*, H.R. 716, legislation to better connect homeless veterans to free legal services, and the *Trafficking Victims Housing Act*, H.R. 508, a bill to expand housing services for victims of human trafficking. She also secured \$40 million for the Family Unification Program (FUP), a national initiative to prevent family separation due to homelessness among foster care aging-out youth—the first time FUP was funded since 2010—and advocated for a \$6.07 million grant for the City of Columbus’ Community Shelter Board to address area youth homelessness. Further, she led efforts to leverage a \$30 million grant to advance a \$225 million revitalization project of Columbus’ Near East Side.



Congresswoman Beatty and NLCHP Executive Director Maria Foscarinis talk about bipartisan bills to address veterans and youth homelessness. (November 18, 2019)

In the Community: Sullivant Avenue Walking Tour, UPS Integrad Driver Training Facility Grand Opening, and Climate Change



District staff joins community activist Lisa Boggs for a walking tour of Sullivant Avenue, from South Hague Avenue to Whitethorne Avenue, to see firsthand the affordable housing issues facing the surrounding neighborhoods. (October 30, 2019)



On October 4, 2019, Congresswoman Beatty talks about her work in Congress to secure funds to create highly-skilled, good-paying jobs during the grand opening of the UPS Integrad Driver Training Facility. The state-of-the-art facility will train new UPS drivers from across the country and is one of just 11 such hubs across the globe.



Congresswoman Beatty meets with representatives of The Ohio State University’s Environmental Protection Student Association to discuss her efforts to protect the environment and to address climate change (November 22, 2019)

Championing Congressional Efforts on Diversity and Inclusion

As the House Financial Services Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee Chair, Congresswoman Beatty is leading the charge to increase diversity and inclusion in- and outside the Halls of Congress. To that effect, she recently convened two Subcommittee hearings to investigate the state of the racial and gender wealth divides and to explore workforce diversity practices.

According to a 2019 McKinsey study, the overall racial wealth gap between Black and White families widened from about \$100,000 in 1992 to \$154,000 in 2016. In addition, researchers at the Center for Global Policy Solutions suggested that even in the recovery period after the 2008 housing crisis, African-Americans (45 percent), Asians (48 percent), and Latinos (58 percent) lost almost half of their wealth compared to a 21 percent loss among their White counterparts. Moreover, although wealth generally increases with income, women at every income level have less wealth than men based on a 2015 review of women and wealth.

In response, Beatty introduced the *Closing the Racial Wealth Gap*, H.R. 5360. If enacted, the bill

would require the Federal Reserve to collect and analyze data to better inform Congress on how best to close the racial and gender wealth gaps.

With respect to workforce diversity, a 2019 Boston Consulting Group report found that when companies were asked about diversity obstacles in the workplace, nearly half of the companies responded that they lack appropriate mechanisms to track promotions and guarantee major project assignments are bias-free.

“It is crucial that private industry and government embrace our nation’s changing demographics so that our economy continues to lead in the 21st century and beyond. Not only is there strength in diversity, but there is research that shows it improves the bottom line and is a business imperative. As Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee Chair, I will continue to use my voice and gavel to make sure progress is made on these fronts.”

Recordings of all Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee hearings can be viewed on Beatty’s official YouTube page.